

**"AUTOMATED REMOTE CONTROL SYSTEM FOR  
HOTEL IN-ROOM SAFES"**

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

The present invention provides a system and method for controlling hotel in-room safes. The invention comprises a control computer that controls the operation of each in-room safe by transmitting enable or disable commands over a wireless transmission link to a receiver-controller installed in each safe. The use of the safe is enabled or disabled when a guest calls a predetermined telephone number that is interpreted as a command to enable or disable the in-room safe. Each receiver-controller is battery-powered and a technique is employed by the system to conserve battery power by transmitting commands to safes at a predetermined time. Each safe turns on its wireless receiver only at the predetermined time and turns off its receiver after receiving the command thereby conserving the life of the battery.